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Dr. Frederick B. C. Eilersficken is the founder and president of the San Diego School of Chiropractic. He was born in Barneveld, Holland, December 15, 1875, a son of John and Valemina Eilersficken. His education was pursued in the public and high schools until 1893, when he entered the Marine Hospital at Rotterdam, Holland, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896 and later took a degree in philosophy. He thereafter practiced medicine in his native country until 1898, when he crossed the Atlantic to New York city and entered the United States army as a member of the Twelfth Regiment of New York Volunteers. Subsequently he was transferred to the general hospital corps in the regular army, with which he served until November, 1899, when he came to California and through the succeeding year was engaged in the drug business in San Francisco.

On the expiration of that period Dr. Eilersficken went to Guthrie, Oklahoma, and was graduated from the Twentieth Century Physio Medical College with the class of 1903. Returning to San Francisco, he again practiced medicine there until 1907, when he went to Davenport, Iowa, and was graduated from the Palmer School of Chiropractic in 1908. He became convinced of the superiority of that method of healing to the methods which he had previously followed and for a year and a half he practiced according to its tenets in Los Angeles. He then came to San Diego and established the San Diego School of Chiropractic, of which he is the president. He has associated with him an able corps of assistants and instructors. The most advanced text-books are used and the school has enjoyed remarkable growth. It was only after several months of continuous solicitation on the part of friends and public that Dr. Eilersficken was induced to open a school in San Diego in **June, 1910**. At first he held only evening sessions, but such was the growth of the school that it was soon necessary to extend the course to include day sessions, and now large and commodious quarters furnish a home for the school at **No. 1550 Third street**. This is an ideal location and the work being done is of a most satisfactory character, the pupils of the school being competent to do advanced work in this field of healing. Of late the work of the school has grown to such an extent that it has become necessary to build a sanitarium and for that purpose the Universal Health Association has been organized, a corporation with a capitalization of five hundred thousand dollars.

Dr. Eilersficken still holds membership with the Association of Physicians and Surgeons of America and he is treasurer of the California Drugless Practitioners Association. He belongs to the Spanish American War Veterans and to the Chamber of Commerce and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He is a man of strong and forceful personality, of keen intellect and high ideals, and in his chosen field of labor is doing work of importance to humanity.